

REMARKS

This reply accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-14, 16 and 17 are pending. Claims 1, 7 and 12 have been amended.

In the Office Action dated 5/29/08, claims 1-3, 5-9, 11 -14 and 16-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,721,727, hereafter known as Chau, in view of "the applicant admitted prior art [AAPA] (Applicants background paras 3-21) or 'XML and ASP.NET'" and in view of "Introduction to XML Schema" or "Describing your Data: DTDs and XML Schemas." Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In responding to the applicants' prior arguments, the Examiner asserts that "there is no limitation in claim 1 requiring *only* one field to be associated with the [XML] schema," and states that "limitations from the specification are not read into the claims" (*see*, Office Action, pp. 5-6). These remarks suggest that it is the Examiner's position that because "there is no limitation" to the phrase "at least one field," the phrase could be read as encompassing a system in which "all" of the fields are associated with the XML Schema. While the applicants did not intend for the recitation of "at least one" to mean "only one," it was their intent that *not all* of the fields be associated with the XML schema. In order to more prosecution forward, the applicants have amended each of independent claims 1, 7 and 12 to recite that "at least one, *but less than all*, of the plurality of fields of the user defined type" are defined as having the XML data type and are associated with an XML Schema. The applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references teaches or suggests this feature. Reconsideration of the Section 103 rejection of claims 1, 7 and 12 is respectfully requested for this reason. Inasmuch as the dependent claims all depend from one of those independent claims, the applicants submit that they too are patentable for the same reason.

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CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, the applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

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